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WASHINGTON. (AP)—A SPECIAL STUDY GROUP REPORTED TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TODAY THAT THE SUPER-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) IS DOING A "CREDITABLE JOB" BUT CAN BE IMPROVED IN "IMPORTANT AREA."

THE GROUP, HEADED BY LT. GEN. JAMES A. DOOLITTLE, WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO GIVE HIM AN INDEPENDENT APPRAISAL "OF THE SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE AGENCY."

DOOLITTLE AND TOP MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF TODAY GAVE EISENHOWER A SINGLE COPY--THE ONLY ONE IN EXISTENCE--OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOP GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE OUTFIT.

DOOLITTLE ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING, "IN SPITE OF THE LIMITATIONS, IMPOSED BY ITS RELATIVELY SHORT LIFE AND RAPID EXPANSION, IT (THE CIA) IS DOING A CREDITABLE JOB."

DOOLITTLE ADDED:

"THERE ARE, HOWEVER, IMPORTANT AREAS IN WHICH THE CIA ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS CAN AND SHOULD BE IMPROVED. THE AGENCY IS AWARE OF THESE PROBLEMS AND IN MANY CASES STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TOWARD THEIR SOLUTION."

IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THE STUDY GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS--IT FOLLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT--WOULD BE HANDLED WITHIN THE CIA AND THERE WOULD BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OR CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION STEMMING FROM THE DOOLITTLE INQUIRY.

THE WHITE HOUSE HAD EMPHASIZED PREVIOUSLY THAT THE DOOLITTLE STUDY IS SEPARATE FROM ANOTHER INVESTIGATION BEING MADE OF THE OVERALL ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS OF THE NATION'S INTELLIGENCE SERVICES. THAT IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY A TASK FORCE OF THE HOOVER COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION. THE TASK FORCE IS HEADED BY RETIRED GEN. MARK CLARK.

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